(d) Schemes relating to domestic waterways were included in the outline of the Programme. Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are to be prepared after approval of the outline of the Programme by the Competent Authority.

Kochi Fishing Harbour

483. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the development of Kochi Fishing Harbour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount required for the completion of development work;

(d) whether any fund has been released for the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A proposal of Cochin Port Trust for construction of a major fishing harbour was approved by Government of India under the Central Plan scheme in June, 1971 with 100% financial assistance. The revised project cost of Rs. 493.60 lakhs was approved in November, 1986. After the completion of the stage-I development in order to ease the congestion and over crowding of the existing fishing harbour, the proposal of Cochin Port Trust for stage-II expansion of the fishing harbour was also approved by Government of India in December, 1993 at a total cost of Rs. 77 lakhs, which was subsequently revised to Rs. 100 lakh in April, 1996.

Subsequent to this, in February, 2001 Cochin Port Trust had submitted a proposal for stage-III expansion of the fishing harbour at an estimated cost of Rs. 441.836 lakhs. The facilities envisaged in the third stage expansion include construction of a Lay-By Jetty, providing raised platform in the auction hall etc. After scrutiny of the proposal, the Port Trust was requested in April, 2001 to formulate Detailed Project Report (DPR) based on necessary engineering and economic investigations and also hydraulic model studies, if necessary and the DPR is awaited.

Besides, the Cochin Port Trust has submitted another proposal to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for up-gradation of the infrastructure facilities at Cochin Fishing Harbour at an estimated cost of Rs. 176.20 lakhs. The Proposal for up-gradation includes construction of a new net repair shed, providing bathing and toilet facilites, improvement to the drainage facilities, surfacing the wharf and repairs of roads, dredging the wharf frontage etc. State Level Export Promotion Committee of Kerala Government has approved the proposal and an amount of Rs. 170 lakhs has been released under the Assistance to the States for Infrastructure Developments for Exports (ASIDE) scheme of the Ministry of Commerce.

(c) to (e) A sum of Rs. 593.60 lakhs was provided to the Cochin Port Trust for development of the major fishing harbour under the scheme. The fishing harbour has been completed and put to use since September, 1978. In addition, as mentioned above, an amount of Rs. 170 lakhs has also been provided under ASIDE scheme for up-gradation of the existing fishing harbour out of which, a sum of Rs. 85 lakhs has already been incurred.

Kollam-Kottapuram Project

484. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Inland Water way Project "Kollam-Kottapuram" is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expected cost of the porject;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for the project;

(d) the time by which this project would be operational; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The West Coast Canal from Kollam to Kottapuram alongwith Udoygmandal and Champakara Canals (205 kms.) has already been declared as a National Waterway in February, 1993.

(b) The development works envisaged are (i) development of navigational channel with 2 metre depth having width of 32 metre in narrow reaches and 38 metre in wider reaches,(ii) terminal facilities at